

REMARKS

Claims 1, 8-10, and 14-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 9, 10, 14-17, 21, and 22 have been amended. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the outstanding rejection in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Interview of March 12, 2008

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Sumaiya Chowdhury and Supervisory Patent Examiner John Miller for taking the time to conduct a personal interview with Applicants' representative, Jason Rhodes (Reg. No. 47,305), to discuss the present application.

Claims Discussed: Claim 1.

Prior Art Discussed: U.S. Patent No. 6,505,347 to Kaneko et al. (hereafter "Kaneko").

General Results: No agreement was reached as to the claims in their unamended form. However, Applicants gained a newfound appreciation of the Examiner's interpretation of the claim as reading on Kaneko. Further, agreement was reached between the Examiner and Applicants' representative as to general type of language which would overcome the rejection based on Kaneko if inserted into the claim by amendment. As a result of subsequent telephone discussions, the Examiner and Applicants' representative reached an agreement as to the specific language, implemented above in amended claim 1, which would overcome the Kaneko rejection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 8-10, and 14-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kaneko. This rejection, insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims, is respectfully traversed.

Without admitting the validity of this rejection, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 in an effort to expedite prosecution by further distinguishing the claimed invention over Kaneko. Specifically, amended claim 1 now recites that, when the calculated amount of information is determined to exceed the necessary amount, the producing means omits at least one of the constituent information elements from at least one of the tables in the produced EPG data. This amendment is supported in the specification at, e.g., page 21, line 20 - page 22, line 20; and Fig. 5. As agreed upon by the Examiner during the telephone discussions with Applicants' representative, the amendment to claim 1 is different than simply decreasing the sending out frequency for a particular table and, thus, patentably distinguishes over Kaneko.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is allowable over Kaneko. Accordingly, claims 8-10 and 14-21 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaneko in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,815,662 to Ong (hereafter "Ong"). Applicants respectfully submit that Ong fails to remedy the deficiencies of Kaneko set forth above in connection with independent claim 1. Ong is only relied upon to teach deleting information of relative low importance (see Office Action at page 8). Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 22 is allowable at least by virtue of its dependency on claim 1. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Conclusion

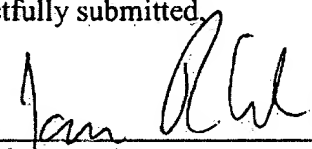
In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the outstanding rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance in the present application.

Should the Examiner believe that any outstanding matters remain in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Jason W. Rhodes (Reg. No. 47,305) at the telephone number of the undersigned to discuss the present application in an effort to expedite prosecution.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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